

## Ohio Public Works Commission District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee

# FY 2025 Program Manual Round 38

## State Capital Improvement Program Local Transportation Improvement Program

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- Administration of the State Capital Improvement Program for the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee.
- Administer the area clearinghouse function, which includes providing local government with the opportunity to review a wide variety
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## Introduction

This document will serve as the official notification to each political subdivision within Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, designated as District 6 within Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 164, that Round 38 (FY25), comprising the 38<sup>th</sup> round of funding for the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the 36<sup>th</sup> round of funding for the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) is underway. Hereafter in this Program Manual, both Round 38 SCIP and Round 36 LTIP will be referred to as Round 38 (FY25).

The District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee (D6PWIC) covers the communities of Mahoning and Trumbull Counties and is charged through ORC 164 to recommend to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) projects that contribute to improving the district's infrastructure that could not be undertaken without financial assistance from either the State Capital Improvement Program or the Local Transportation Improvement Program. This document provides applicants with an overview of District 6's Round 38 (FY25) requirements and outlines the application and evaluation process. The D6PWIC process will be used to rate each project submitted for consideration to determine its eligibility and the type and amount of financial assistance the applicant should be provided.

To ensure all projects being considered for funding are processed in an efficient and equitable manner all required pre-application documentation must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2023 to be eligible for Round 38 (FY25) consideration. The information in this document is subject to change by the D6PWIC at any time.

## **Members and Alternates**

The District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee was created under Section 164.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Membership established under Section 164.04 (A) (4) Alternates are established under Section 164.04 (B) Member and alternate terms are discussed under Section 164.04 (C)

"In District Six, the district committee shall consist of nine members appointed as follows: One member shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county in the district;"

#### Mahoning County

Terms Expire: June 27, 2024

Member: **Mr. Joseph Muccio**Mahoning County Sanitary Engineer's Office
761 Industrial Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
330-793-5514 Ext. 8208 (Voice)

jmuccio@mahoningcountyoh.gov

Alternate: Ms. Lisa Yurcho

Mahoning County Sanitary Engineer's Office 761 Industrial Road Youngstown, Ohio 44509 330-793-5514 Ext. 8208 (Voice) lyurcho@mahoningcountyoh.gov

#### **Trumbull County**

Terms Expire: June 27, 2024

Member: **Mr. Gary Newbrough, P.E.** Sanitary Engineer

Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office 842 Youngstown Kingsville Road Vienna, Ohio 44473 330-675-7753 (Voice)

senewbro@co.trumbull.oh.us

Alternate: Mr. Scott Verner, P.E. Assistant Sanitary Engineer Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office 842 Youngstown Kingsville Road Vienna, Ohio 44473 330-675-7753 (Voice) severner@co.trumbull.oh.us "one member shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in each county in the district;"

#### City of Warren

Terms Expire: July 28, 2024

Member: Mr. Paul Makosky, P.E. City Engineer 540 Laird Avenue S.E. Warren, Ohio 44484 330-841-2973 (Voice) pmakosky@warren.org

Alternate: Mr. Erik Jennings City Planning Coordinator 391 Mahoning Ave. Warren, Ohio 44483 330-841-2771(Voice) cstephenson@warren.org

#### City of Youngstown

Terms Expire: June 21, 2024

Member: Mr. Charles T. Shasho
Deputy Director of Public Works
26 South Phelps Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503
330-742-8800 (Voice)
cshasho@cityofyoungstownoh.com

Alternate: Mr. James Murray, P.E. Capital Project Engineer 26 South Phelps Street Youngstown, Ohio 44503 330-742-8800 (Voice) jmurray@cityofyoungstownoh.com "one member shall be appointed alternately by a majority of the chief executives of the municipal corporations, other than the largest municipal corporation, within one of the counties of the district;"

## Trumbull County Municipal Corporations

Terms Expire: May 24, 2028

Member: **Mayor Ben Kyle** (Sm. Govt. Vice-Chairman) City of Hubbard

220 West Liberty Street Hubbard Ohio, 44425 330-534-3090 (Voice)

b.kyle@cityofhubbard-oh.gov

Alternate: Mr. Kevin Robertson

Project Manager/Infrastructure Coordinator

City of Niles

34 West State Street Niles Ohio, 44446 330-544-9000 (Voice)

krobertson@thecityofniles.com

"and one member shall be appointed alternately by a majority of the boards of township trustees within one of the counties of the district."

## Mahoning County Township Trustees

Terms Expire: May 24, 2028

Member: Mr. Tom Costello (Sm. Govt. Chairman)

Boardman Township Trustee

8299 Market Street Boardman, Ohio 44512 330-726-4177 (Voice)

tcostello@boardmantwp.com

Alternate: **Ms. Marie Cartwright** Canfield Township Trustee 21 South Broad Street Canfield, Ohio 44406 330-533-4239 (Voice)

mic100@zoominternet.net

"The two persons who are the county engineers of the counties in the district shall also be members of the committee."

#### **Mahoning County**

Terms expire with election or appointment of new County Engineer

Member: Mr. Patrick Ginnetti, P.E., P.S. (D6 Chairman)

Mahoning County Engineer 940 Bears Den Road Youngstown, Ohio 44511 330-799-1581 (Voice)

pginnetti@mahoningcountyoh.gov

Alternate: **Mr. Bob Durbin, P.E., P.S.**Mahoning County Engineer's Office

940 Bears Den Road Youngstown, Ohio 44511 330-799-1581 (Voice)

bdurbin@mahoningcountyoh.gov

#### **Trumbull County**

Terms expire with election or appointment of new County Engineer

Member: Mr. Randy Smith, P.E., P.S. (D6 Vice-Chairman)

Trumbull County Engineer 650 North River Road Warren, Ohio 44483 330-675-2640 (Voice) hwsmith@co.trumbull.oh.us

Alternate: Mr. Gary Shaffer, P.E.

Trumbull County Engineer's Office

650 North River Road Warren, Ohio 44483 330-675-2255 (Voice)

hwshaffer@co.trumbull.oh.us

At least six of these members shall agree upon the appointment to the committee of a private sector person who shall have experience in local infrastructure planning and economic development."

Private Sector
Terms Expire: May 18, 2024
Member: Mr. Tim Yova
49yova@gmail.com

Alternate: Mr. R. P. Samulka rpsamulka@zoominternet.net

## **Overview**

#### **Available Financial Assistance**

The following is a preliminary estimate of funding that will be available to District 6 subdivisions from the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) in Round 38 (FY25):

\$ 6,093,000 SCIP Allocation to D6PWIC \$ 2,110,000 LTIP Allocation to D6PWIC \$ 2,400,000 Revolving Loan Fund Allocation to D6PWIC \$10,603,000 Total Allocation to D6PWIC

In addition to the above-mentioned funding sources, an additional \$20,000,000 is made available in grants or loans statewide for communities with less than 5,000 in population. The award of these funds is made by the Ohio Public Works Commission - Small Government Commission through a statewide competition. These Small Government funds are not allocated on a district basis.

Financial assistance will be awarded to the projects selected by the D6PWIC in the form of grants, loans, credit enhancements, and loan assistance, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. The D6PWIC is required to program a minimum of 10% of the Districts SCIP allocation for loans and/or loan assistance. In addition, the D6PWIC may award a maximum of 20% of the SCIP funds for new construction. The D6PWIC SCIP funding breakdown is as follows:

\$6,093,000 SCIP Total

\$609,300 Loans/Loan Assistance (Minimum)

\$5,483,700 SCIP Grants (Maximum)

\$1,218,600 New Construction (Maximum)

The Ohio Public Works Commission requires districts to submit a priority listing of projects recommended for funding that totals 105% of the committee's preliminary allocation. As a matter of policy, the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee will fund all projects submitted as part of this 105% package. Any projects included in the "105% package" that are not funded with Round 38 (FY25) allocations, or funds returned to the District account from previous rounds, will be the first projects funded with Round 39 (FY26) allocations. As in the past, projects will be awarded to the level of the projected dollar figures at the time of selection.

#### **Program Schedule**

The Ohio Public Works Commission will accept final applications for Round 38 (FY25) through February 28, 2024. The Ohio Public Works Commission's Small Government Program proposals must be included with the D6PWIC submittal. Based on the above deadline, the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee has established the following schedule for the local program:

**June 20, 2023:** District 6 Workshop. Communities receive pre-application information and materials for Round 38 (FY25).

June 21 to August 30, 2023: Communities prepare pre-applications.

**August 31, 2023 (Thursday), 3:00 PM:** Deadline for submission of pre-applications and associated materials to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Applicants must submit 1 full pre-application, including maps and other attachments and 18 copies of the 4-page pre-application and location map.

**September 1 to September 18, 2023:** Processing by Eastgate.

**September 19, 2023:** D6PWIC reviews projects. (3 minutes per project is allocated for sponsors to present issues and respond to Committee questions).

**October 10, 2023:** D6PWIC will meet to evaluate all the projects and begin to award points to each project.

**October 24, 2023:** D6PWIC will meet to review all points already assigned and to assign Regional Significance points to all projects.

**November 7, 2023:** D6PWIC will meet to provide a final assessment and prioritization of projects to be submitted to the OPWC. The D6PWIC Small Government Subcommittee will also meet to further review and select the seven (7) projects which will be submitted by District 6 to the administrator of the Ohio Small Government's Capital Improvements Commission for consideration for Small Government funding.

**November 8 to December 21, 2023:** Communities prepare full applications for projects recommended to OPWC for funding.

**December 22, 2023, (Friday)** 3:00 PM: Communities submit full applications with all attachments using the Public WorksWise online portal.

The above schedule may be amended by the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee. Further confirmation of specific dates for Committee and sub-committee meetings will be posted on Eastgate's web site at: <a href="https://eastgatecog.org/">https://eastgatecog.org/</a>

## **Capital Improvement Report**

No longer required by District 6.

Forms and Reports no longer required:

- Summary Form
- Five Year Capital Improvement Plan/ Maintenance of Effort
- Inventory of all infrastructure (updated every five years).

#### **Pre-Application**

The pre-application is a requirement of the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee that provides detailed information and documentation necessary for project evaluation for funding by the committee. All communities seeking funding in Round 38 (FY25) must submit a pre-application for those projects of highest priority. The District 6 Program Manual and pre-application are available electronically on Eastgate's website.

https://eastgatecog.org/programs/regional-planning/ohio-public-works-commission

## **Evaluation and Point System**

The D6PWIC will evaluate each project submitted for funding based on the information supplied by each community in the pre-applications. This evaluation will use criteria based on the requirements of Section 164 of the Ohio Revised Code. Evaluations are conducted in open public meetings as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Field checks of proposed projects may be made by committee members and additional documentation may be required to verify information submitted in the pre-applications. The basic methodology to be used in Round 38 (FY25) may contain revisions in the evaluation rating and criteria system. The committee approves revisions for clarity and objectivity of the rating system. Evaluation considerations that have been developed and refined over the past 37 funding rounds are as follow:

- 1. a.) Is the applicant the appropriate legal authority for submitting this project?

  Does the Applicant own the project? If the Applicant does not own the infrastructure or will not own it when it is built, they cannot apply for OPWC funding for that project!
- b.) Does the project meet the infrastructure needs of the area? Mahoning and Trumbull County populations have been declining for a few decades. The greatest need is to maintain the existing infrastructure. Most of District 6 projects submitted each year are repair and replace. However, District 6 will accept new/expansion projects to help expand the population and/or tax base. The entire list of submitted projects to District 6 represent the current needs for all communities. ORC 164.06(B)(1)
- c.) Will the project be started on time? Construction cannot start until July 1, 2024 or until a contract is in place with OPWC and MUST start no later than June 2025. Any project with a start date July 1, 2025 or after will be rejected by the OPWC and must apply in funding Round 39 (FY26).

 Yes, on all three - <b>CONTINUE</b>
No on one or more - STOP - Project does not qualify

## For Sewer/Water Projects Only

**2a.** Does the proposed infrastructure activity improve the general health and welfare of the service area? The Sponsor must confirm with supporting documentation and a Certified Engineering Statement. ORC - 164.06(B)(4)

Critical	Failed infrastructure requiring complete reconstruction or improvements that are mandated by EPA orders in the form of a consent decree or court orders.	10 points
Significant	Infrastructure requiring repair or rehabilitation of majority of components or requiring updates or replacements due to EPA findings or recommendations, or chronic backup or flooding, resulting in structure damage.	5 points
Moderate	Infrastructure requiring increased capacity to meet current needs, improve water quality, or to meet a specific development proposal, flooding resulting in land damage.	3 points
No Impact	Pre-application lacks documentation/statement	0 points

## Points will be awarded for either 2b or 2c. Not both. Include supporting documentation for either section.

**2b.** What are the numbers of homes and/or businesses directly impacted by the health and safety hazard? Must be documented (ex: damage reports, call sheets/work orders). ORC - 164.06(B)(4)

#### Homes/Businesses Impacted

1 - 2	2 points
3 - 4	4 points
5 - 6	6 points
7 - 8	8 points
9 or more	10 points

**2c.** In projects that have a service area determined by an engineering study (i.e. sanitary sewer or waterline extensions, wastewater or water treatment plant improvements, stormwater, etc.); what is the number of homes and/or businesses directly impacted? ORC - 164.06(B)(4)

#### Homes/Businesses Impacted

0 - 19	2 points
20 - 34	4 points
35 - 49	6 points
50 - 79	8 points
80 or more	10 points

#### **For Transportation Projects Only**

**3a.** Will the project alleviate serious traffic problems or safety hazards? Will it respond to needs caused by rapid growth and/or development? These criteria must be documented with Traffic Studies and/or Certified Engineering Statement. ORC - 164.06(B)(4) ORC - 164.14(E)(1) ORC - 164.14(E)(2)

Critical	Road/bridge reconstruction, including widening and/or geometric improvements as documented by appropriate traffic engineering studies that identify the hazard and recommends the proposed improvement.	10 points
Significant	Road/bridge reconstruction, including widening and/or geometric improvements. Projects include round abouts and road diets.	5 points
Moderate	Road/bridge improvement that is predominately resurfacing without significant reconstruction, widening, or geometric improvements or a new road that will improve traffic flow and access.	3 points
No Impact		0 points

**3b.** Traffic counts are no longer required by the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee. However, the point system is still based on traffic count totals. It is up to each community to decide whether to ask for a traffic count or not. Requested traffic counts must be conducted within the project limits. Traffic count requests submitted to Eastgate must be received by June 23, 2023. Roads with no traffic count will receive a default number "249" and 2 points will be awarded.

For projects with more than one road, a weighted average shall be determined using a costbased method. A worksheet must be included with the pre-application. When developing the weighted average, roads without a traffic count shall use "249" as a default number.

For Round 38 (FY25), traffic counts from 2019 through 2023 are acceptable.

**Existing Traffic** 

0 - 249	2 points
250 - 499	4 points
500 - 999	6 points
1,000 - 3,999	8 points
4,000 & Over	10 points

## **For All Projects**

**4.** What is the condition of the infrastructure? Must be documented ORC - 164.06(B)(2) ORC - 164.14(E)(9)

Critical	Primary component has failed, and the infrastructure is closed, or inoperable The infrastructure requires a significant repair/upgrade to return to the intended level of service and meet current design standards. Infrastructure closed for any reason except failure will receive "0" points.	10 points
Poor	Infrastructure has major deficiency with imminent failure, major repairs are required.	8 points
Moderate	Infrastructure contains a major deficiency and will require repair to function and meet current design standards.	5 points
Fair	Infrastructure functions as originally intended but requires minor repairs and/or upgrades to meet current design standards.	3 points
Good	No repair is required, or no supporting documentation was submitted.	0 points

**5.** What is the age of the existing infrastructure? New/expansion projects will receive 0 points. If no age is given, projects will receive 0 points. ORC - 164.06(B)(2)

For road projects - Must be when the last major resurfacing was completed.

15+ years	2 points
10-14 years	1 point
Less than 10 years	0 points

For bridge and culvert projects - Must be when bridge or culvert were built.

50+ years	2 points
31-49 years	1 point
Less than 31 years	0 points

For water, sewer, and stormwater projects - Must be when infrastructure was built.

50+ years	2 points
31-49 years	1 point
Less than 31 years	0 points

The District 6 committee may adjust points for a project that does not fit these categories.

**6.** What is the project's local share (all funds other than OPWC)? ORC - 164.06(B)(6) ORC - 164.14(E)(4) ORC - 164.14(E)(6)

61% and over	15 points
46% to 60%	11 points
31% to 45%	7 points
16% to 30%	3 points
0 to 15%	0 points

**7.** Is the OPWC request a loan, loan/grant combination, or credit enhancement? Percentages are based on the loan amount divided by the total project cost. The minimum loan amount is \$50,000. ORC - 164.06(B)(5)

100% OPWC Loan/Credit Enhancement	10 points
76% to 99% OPWC Loan	6 points
51% to 75% OPWC Loan	4 points
26% to 50% OPWC Loan	2 points
0 to 25% OPWC Loan	0 points

**8.** The sponsor community's Median Household Income (MHI) is what percent of the State of Ohio MHI (\$61,938)? ORC - 164.06(B)(6) ORC - 164.06(B)(8) ORC - 164.14(E)(6)

Below 70%	5 points
70% to 79.9%	4 points
80% to 89.9%	3 points
90% to 99.9%	2 points

**9.** What is the community priority of this project?

#1	20 points	
#2	18 points	
#3	16 points	
#4	14 points	
#5	12 points	
#6	10 points	
#7	7 points	
#8	4 points	
#9	2 points	

**10.** What is the OPWC funding (grant and loan) request for the number 1 priority project? (Only the Priority 1 project for each applicant will receive points in this category) ORC - 164.06(B)(5)

\$1 to \$75,000	15 points	
\$75,001 to \$150,000	8 points	
\$150,001 to \$225,000	4 points	

**11.** Is the project a joint project between two or more communities that are within the legal boundaries of the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee? Both communities must have a financial commitment in the local share and this commitment must be documented through a legally binding agreement between both communities that shall be submitted with the lead agency's pre-application.

ORC - 164.14(E)(7)

#### Local cost share between communities

50% / 50%	5 points
60% / 40%	4 points
70% / 30%	3 points
80% / 20%	2 points
90% / 10%	1 point

**12.** What is the status for the planning and readiness of the project? ORC - 164.06(B)(9) ORC - 164.14(E)(5)

Part I – Status of Plans – This uses the Small Government Commission's Engineer's Plan Status Certification. (Maximum 2 points)

Plans not yet begun	0 points
Surveying through preliminary design completed (Items A-C)	1 point
Surveying through final construction plans, secured permits, and right-of-way as appropriate (Items A-I)	2 points

Part II – Status of Funding Sources – This uses source documentation including CFO certifications and loan letters. (Maximum 2 points)

All funds not yet committed	0 points
Applications submitted to funding entities	1 point
All funding committed	2 points

The District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee will review projects that are not in contract within a year or not completed within two years of the project agreement to determine if the committee will recommend termination by OPWC.

**13.** Will the project generate revenue in the form of user fees or assessments? ORC - 164.06(B)(3)

No new user fees or assessments	1 point
New user fees or assessments	0 points

**14.** Does the project have other funding besides local or OPWC dollars? Federal, state, private funding. ORC - 164.06(B)(7)

66% or more	1 point
Less than 66%	0 points

**15.** Other factors of regional importance ORC - 164.06(B)(10) ORC - 164.14(E)(2) ORC - 164.14(E)(3) ORC - 164.14(E)(10)

The District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee members, exercising their independent judgment, will utilize this category to determine:

- compliance/consistency with OPWC guidelines
- compliance/consistency with regional plans, policies and/or objectives
- development and maintenance of District's infrastructure
- creation of significant and specific economic development
- other factors deemed necessary by committee members

Factors of Regional Importance 0 to 25 points

#### **General Notes to D6PWIC Ranking System:**

A. After the 13 criteria ranking process, projects tied in total points will be prioritized in the manner that was approved by the D6PWIC on June 17, 2003. Improvements with the lowest dollar request for D6PWIC funding consideration will be recommended to receive the more favorable priority and improvements with greater dollar requests for funding within the tied field will receive progressively less favorable priority. Examples of project fields tied at 70 and 69 points would be prioritized as follows:

Point Field	Funding Request to D6PWIC	D6PWIC's Final Priority
70	\$60,000	70 Points - Number 1
70	\$75,000	70 Points - Number 2
70	\$75,001 70 Points - Number 3	
69	\$55,000	69 Points - Number 1
69	\$70,000	69 Points - Number 2
69	\$99,000 69 Points - Number 3	

- B. Each year the D6PWIC submits applications from a prioritized list of projects up to an amount of approximately 115% of funding that is anticipated to be available for the program year. Projects from a prioritized list of improvements that may advance from beyond the 115% approved ranking will only be funded up to the final adjusted dollar amount, determined by the OPWC, that shall be available to D6PWIC in that same program year.
- C. Based on evaluation of the pre-applications considered for funding, the D6PWIC will select eligible projects and determine a recommended slate of projects within appropriate funding levels of the available SCIP/LTIP/RLP for all projects submitted to the OPWC. In addition to evaluation points, meeting Useful Life requirements will be used to select and prioritize projects for recommendation of funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission.

## **Useful Life**

Section 164-1-13, (A) of the Ohio Administrative Code requires every SCIP and LTIP project to have a useful life of at least 7 years. Section 164-1-13, (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code requires "...that the infrastructure covered by all project applications so submitted in any given year from the district have, on average, an approximate useful life of at least twenty years." For example, for every \$100,000 of projects with a useful life of seven years there must be \$100,000 in projects with a useful life of at least 34 years to meet the 20-year requirement. An additional requirement calls for SCIP and LTIP to be calculated separately. Because of the high useful life of sewer and water projects that can only be funded in the SCIP category, the SCIP slate of projects is usually not a problem. Because of a relative lower useful life for road projects, especially resurfacing projects, the LTIP slate generally has a more difficult time in meeting the useful life requirement. Useful life for the district submission is calculated on a dollar-weighted basis as follows:

Useful Life x Project Cost = Life Cost

	Useful Life / Years	Project Cost	Life Cost
Project A	22	\$202,200	\$4,448,400
Project B	7	\$355,400	\$2,487,800
Project C	14	\$251,200	\$3,516,800
Project D	35	\$232,540	\$8,138,900
Project E	33	\$155,000	\$5,115,000
Project F	8	\$95,540	\$764,320
TOTALS	18.94	\$1,291,880	\$24,471,220

To calculate the useful life of this package, the Total Life Cost is divided by the Total Project Cost - \$24,471,220 / \$1,291,880 = 18.94 years. Under Ohio Revised Code 164-1-13 (b) this package is unacceptable.

In past years, as in the example above, the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee has had difficulty meeting the useful life requirements for the LTIP package. In some instances, the useful life of a given project can be recalculated. Using the example above, Project B is a paving project that included 24 culverts that had an estimated cost of \$24,000. Project F is also a paving project that included 6 culverts that had an estimated cost of \$10,000. The useful life of these 2 projects could have been calculated as follows:

Project B	Useful Life / Years	Project Cost	Life Cost
24 Culverts	50	\$24,000	\$1,200,000
Pavement	7	\$331,400	\$2,319,800
TOTALS	9.9	\$355,400	\$3,519,800

Project F	Useful Life / Years	Project Cost	Life Cost
6 Culverts	50	\$10,000	\$ 50,000
Pavement	8	\$85,540	\$684,320
TOTALS	12.396	\$95,540	\$1,184.320

When the recalculated useful life is used, the package becomes acceptable:

	Useful Life / Years	Project Cost	Life Cost
Project A	22	\$202,200	\$4,448,400
Project B	9.9	\$355,400	\$3,518,460
Project C	14	\$251,200	\$3,516,800
Project D	35	\$232,540	\$8,138,900
Project E	33	\$155,000	\$5,115,000
Project F	12.396	\$95,540	\$1,184,320
TOTALS	20.065	\$1,291,880	\$25,921,880

The example shown above exhibits one way to meet the requirement. However, it is up to the applicant to certify the highest possible useful life. When the committee is faced with the possibility of not meeting the requirement, such as in 2006, a bridge project with a useful life of 50 years was moved up the slate past several higher rated projects to meet the useful life requirement.

It is up to the applicant to use the highest certifiable useful life. The D6PWIC has and will continue to take useful life into consideration when evaluating and awarding projects. The Committee also reserves the right to skip over higher rated projects with a lower useful life in favor of a lower rated project with a higher useful life to meet the District's (and OPWC's) useful life requirement.

## **SCIP Affordability Standards**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee has adopted Affordability standards for user fee projects, namely sanitary sewer and water. User fees consist of charges assessed to the consumers on a periodic basis (monthly, quarterly, etc.) in relation to the level of service provided, plus any special assessments imposed upon the users where the resultant funds are used to finance improvements and/or maintenance to either of the water or wastewater systems. The Affordability Standards are based upon the use of the most current data available from the American Community Survey (ACS) regarding the subdivision's Median Household Income (MHI), in comparison to the State's most current figure of \$61,938.

If the applicant subdivision's MHI is less than 90% of the State's MHI, then:

- Drinking water user fees should be affordable at 1.1% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 1.5% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Combined Water Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 2.6% of the subdivision's MHI amount.

If the applicant subdivision's MHI is greater than or equal to 90% of the State's MHI, but less than or equal to 110% of it, then:

- Drinking water user fees should be affordable at 1.3% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 1.7% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Combined Water Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 3.0% of the subdivision's MHI amount.

If the applicant subdivision's MHI is greater than 110% of the State's MHI, then:

- Drinking water user fees should be affordable at 1.5% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 1.8% of the subdivision's MHI amount;
- Combined Water Wastewater user fees should be affordable at 3.3% of the subdivision's MHI amount;

Projects not meeting these Affordability standards are considered ineligible for grants and are prime candidates for loans. All water and sanitary sewer projects must submit an Affordability work sheet with each water/sanitary sewer pre-application. The District 6 Affordability Worksheet is available electronically on Eastgate's website.

https://eastgatecog.org/programs/regional-planning/ohio-public-works-commission

## **Grants**

#### **State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP)**

For Round 38 (FY25), the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds for District 6 are \$6,093,000. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) requires that a minimum of 10% or \$609,300 of the District Allocation go to loans and/or credit assistance, therefore a maximum of 90% or \$5,483,700 will be available for SCIP grants. New construction and/or projects that include expansion are limited to a maximum of 20% or \$1,218,600 of the District's SCIP allocation. Additional monies may become available from funds awarded but not used in previous rounds and from projects completed under budget.

Grants of up to 90% of eligible cost are available to local political subdivisions for infrastructure repair/replacement projects and up to 50% for new/expansion projects listed as eligible for funding under the SCIP.

The eligible project types are:

- 1. Roads
- 2. Bridges
- 3. Culverts
- 4. Wastewater Treatment Systems and Facilities
- 5. Water Supply Systems and Facilities
- 6. Stormwater Systems
- 7. Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

Projects recommended for SCIP funding from the District Allocation must have a minimum useful life of 7 years to be eligible for a grant. Section 164-1-13, (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code also requires "...that the infrastructure covered by all project applications so submitted in any given year from the district have, on average, an approximate useful life of at least twenty years."

Useful life is defined as the remaining life of an infrastructure, assuming normal maintenance, and prior to its need to be replaced or rebuilt. See pages 19-20 of this manual for a thorough explanation of Useful Life. A Professional Engineer must certify the useful life statement when the project is in the pre-application phase.

#### **Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP)**

The LTIP funds are a portion of state gasoline tax revenues that are distributed to the nineteen Public Works Integrating Committees. For Round 38 (FY25), the District 6 allocation is \$2,110,000. In addition to the \$2,110,000, monies may become available from funds awarded but not used in previous rounds and from projects completed under budget.

Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) funds are awarded in the form of grants for up to 100% of eligible project cost. These funds are available to local political subdivisions for infrastructure projects listed as eligible for funding as follow:

The eligible project types are:

- 1. Roads
- 2. Bridges

Projects recommended for LTIP funding from the District Allocation must have a minimum useful life of 7 years to be eligible for a grant. Section 164-1-13, (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code also requires "...that the infrastructure covered by all project applications so submitted in any given year from the district have, on average, an approximate useful life of at least twenty years."

Useful life is defined as the remaining life of an infrastructure, assuming normal maintenance, and prior to its need to be replaced or rebuilt. See pages 19-20 of this manual for a thorough explanation of useful life. A useful life statement is required to be certified by a Professional Engineer when the project is in the pre-application phase.

#### **Contingency Projects**

The Ohio Public Works Commission requires districts to submit a priority listing of projects recommended for funding that is a minimum of 105% of the district's allocation. Projects that are not 100% funded with the existing allocation are considered contingency projects. As a matter of policy, the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee will fund all projects submitted as part of the package. Any contingency projects that are not funded with FY25 allocations, or funding returned to the District account from previous rounds, will be funded first from FY26 allocations.

Contingency projects not funded during FY 25 are required to resubmit the project application through Workswise. A new and updated project schedule, CFO certification, resolution, and engineer's estimate are required to receive funding from FY 26.

#### **Small Government Program**

Small Government Funds are a financial resource set aside for townships with populations less than 5,000 and for all villages. During each round of the infrastructure improvement program \$20,000,000 is available in a competitive statewide program through the Ohio Public Works Commission to these smaller entities. An application must be approved by the District Small Government Subcommittee before being submitted to the Administrator of the Ohio Small Government Commission for consideration, only after unsuccessfully competing for both District SCIP and Local Transportation Improvement Program Funding. Because the evaluation criteria used by the Small Government Commission differs from that used by the District 6 Committee, the Committee will use Small Government criteria to evaluate projects for recommendation to the Commission (See Small Government Program in the Appendix). Final approval is through the authority of the Commission. Each District may submit a maximum of seven projects to the Small Government Commission for funding consideration.

Grants of up to 90% of eligible cost are available to local political subdivisions, that qualify as Small Governments (less than 5,000 population), for infrastructure repair/replacement projects and up to 50% for new/expansion projects listed as eligible for funding under SCIP. The eligible project types are:

- 1. Roads
- 2. Bridges
- 3. Culverts
- 4. Waste Water Treatment Systems
- 5. Water Supply Systems
- 6. Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
- 7. Storm Water and Sanitary Collection, Storage, and Treatment Systems and Facilities

See the OPWC Small Government web pages at: <a href="https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Programs/Infrastructure-Programs/Small-Government">https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Programs/Infrastructure-Programs/Small-Government</a>

#### **Emergency Program**

Emergency money is limited, and funding is conditional based on the immediate preservation of health, safety and welfare usually associated with a natural disaster. A maximum of \$12,000,000 will be available on a statewide basis starting July 1, 2024. Communities must submit the project to their OPWC representative to determine if it qualifies. The final decision is made by the OPWC Director.

## **Loans and Credit Assistance**

District 6 is charged with the allocation of a minimum of 10% or \$609,300 of the SCIP District Allocation for loans and/or loan assistance and credit enhancement.

#### Loans

Interest rates, historically, have been defined by the D6PWIC as zero (0%) percent for use in the making of loans under the SCIP. The loans should be able to address any financing situation that lends itself to AFFORDABILITY - BASED underwriting when user fees are involved. The SCIP Zero Percent (0%) Loan can also be used in situations not involving user fees.

SCIP loans may be used in combination with SCIP grants. SCIP Loan/Grant combination applications will be evaluated as described in scoring criteria #7 on Page 15 of this manual.

The advantage to the district in the utilization of loans is that the moneys returned to OPWC in the form of loan repayments will be credited to the district Revolving Loan account to be utilized in future funding rounds.

#### Loan Assistance Credit Enhancement

Two forms of loan assistance are available to support a local subdivision's debt-related activities. First is the use of program funds to "buy-down" the interest rate of another lender's loan to a project. The second form of loan assistance is to fund a "debt service reserve account" that is a typical condition to the issuance of revenue bonds. Program funds may be used toward an up-front purchase of a bond insurance policy on the proposed issue that guarantees debt service of General Obligation Bonds by a community with marginal credit ratings.

#### **Revolving Loan Fund**

Through each of the preceding funding rounds the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee has awarded SCIP loans as part of the district submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). OPWC has established a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) account to credit repayments of loans to District 6. The District 6 RLF account includes the balance of all SCIP District Allocation Loan repayments, both principal and interest. RLF loans are provided each program year based on the actual cash amount received from loan recipients within the District. For Round 38 (FY25), the RLF allocation is estimated at \$2,400,000.

The District 6 RLF loans can only be allocated after all mandated SCIP loans are awarded. All RLF loans are subject to the Minority Business Enterprise and Useful Life requirements of the Ohio Public Works Commission. RLF projects do not fall under the new construction limitations of the SCIP District Allocation and may fund up to 100% of total project costs.

Projects selected for loans under the RLF program will be selected along with and through the same evaluation and selection process as the SCIP District Allocation and the LTIP programs.

## **Project Costs**

#### **Eligible Project Costs**

Project engineering, acquisition, construction, equipment, direct expenses and contingencies are eligible costs as follows:

- Project Engineering: shall include only engineering services that are integral to the project and shall not include any of the subdivision's ongoing overhead expenses involved in carrying out its existing engineering services capacity. If a subdivision chooses to hire an engineer for professional services, the subdivision must enter into a project specific contract (see Advisory Procurement of Engineering/Project Management Services).
- 2. Acquisition: only those acquisitions that are integral to the activities involved in the project.
- 3. Project Construction: only construction that is integral to the activities involved in the project.
- 4. Project Equipment Costs: only equipment costs that are integral to the activities involved in the project.
- 5. Other Direct Expenses: may be any out-of-pocket costs borne by the Applicant that are directly related to the execution of the project.
- 6. Contingency: must be clearly identified, should not exceed 10% of total project cost.

#### **Non-Eligible Project Costs**

Certain costs associated with a project are not eligible for funding including, but not limited to:

- 1. Expenditures or proposed expenditures for aesthetic treatment, ornamentations, or adornments to infrastructure.
- 2. Expenditures or proposed expenditures for landscaping activities and improvements pertaining to infrastructure that go beyond basic requirements or post-construction repairing, stabilizing, and re-seeding of land surfaces.
- 3. The cost of planning or administrative services related to the review, listing, studying, reporting, planning, recording, and prioritizing of capital improvement projects by a subdivision.
- 4. The cost of planning or administrative services of a district committee, executive committee, or small government subcommittee in reviewing, recording, approving, or disapproving project applications.
- 5. Administrative costs assessed as per Article VIII, Section B of the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee Bylaws.

## **Program Administration**

Since the passage of the State Bond Issue 2 in November of 1987, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate), formerly known as the Eastgate Development and Transportation Agency (EDATA), has provided political subdivisions within Mahoning and Trumbull Counties with guidance on the State Capital Improvement Program, Local Transportation Program, Small Governments Program and Emergency Program. Eastgate was chosen by the District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee to administer the program for the District and has taken an active role to ensure that projects are submitted on time and in an acceptable format for funding evaluation by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

In its administrative role, Eastgate staff has prepared numerous documents that have been used as a basis for initial project submittal by communities in District 6, developed computer programs to store and track project data and sort projects for district evaluation, preparation of the annual Program Manual, assisted in developing the Bylaws of the District, and coordinated the final project submittals with those applicants whose projects had been selected by the District for funding. These duties are ongoing along with the day to day administration of the SCIP/LTIP programs.

On Oct. 24, 1988, the District Committee, aware of the costs involved, approved a methodology that provided for program administration funding. This funding methodology was included in the District Bylaws in Article VIII, Section B - Administrative Expenses. On May 14, 2019, the Bylaws were amended to read as follows:

"Necessary costs incurred by Eastgate in the administrative process of SCIP/LTIP and Small Government Programs of District 6 shall be covered by a 1½ percent administrative fee to be provided by the political entities which receive funding under the provisions of the OPWC. Upon completion of the project, Eastgate will invoice each political subdivision for an amount equal to 1½ percent of the OPWC funds used on their project(s). The funds provided by the applicants to Eastgate for SCIP/LTIP and Small Government program administration shall be provided from sources other than OPWC funds. Projects funded through the OPWC Emergency Program will be assessed a fee of \$500 or ½ percent of the total funds, whichever is less."

## **Round 37 (FY 24) Award Summary**

State Capital Improvement Projects (SCIP)

Community	Project Name	Major Project Type	U/L	_	WC Grant lequest	PWC Loan Request	C	Local ommitment	Local %	OPWC %	1	otal Proj. Cost	District Points	Funding Type
Trumbull County	Pendleton/Gillmer Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project	Wastewater	50	\$	750,000	\$ -	\$	5,537,750	88%	12%	\$	6,287,750	91	SCIP
Girard City	Keefer Rd Waterline Replacement	Water	47.3	\$	150,000	\$ -	\$	88,000	37%	63%	\$	238,000	87	SCIP
Mahoning Valley Sanitary District	36" West Transmission Line Replacement Project	Water	40	\$	310,900	\$ 2,153,000	\$	-	0%	100%	\$	2,463,900	87	SCIP
Craig Beach Village	Grandview Rd Improvements - Phase 4	Road	12	\$	53,472	\$ -	\$	45,551	46%	54%	\$	99,023	85	SCIP
Campbell City	2023 Street Resurfacing Program	Road	15	\$	150,000	\$ -	\$	324,687	68%	32%	\$	474,687	84	SCIP
Cortland City	2023 Asphalt Resurfacing Program	Road	10	\$	75,000	\$ -	\$	156,716	68%	32%	\$	231,716	83	SCIP
Sebring Village	Sebring Collection System Grouting	Wastewater	30	\$	97,020	\$ -	\$	82,980	46%	54%	\$	180,000	83	SCIP
Hubbard City	2023 Street Improvement Project	Road	15	\$	116,201	\$ -	\$	182,517	61%	39%	\$	298,718	83	SCIP
Lordstown Village	Ellsworth Bailey Rd Resurfacing	Road	15	\$	141,111	\$ -	\$	564,442	80%	20%	\$	705,553	83	SCIP
Bazetta Township	2023 Road Improvement Program	Road	17	\$	149,999	\$ -	\$	337,376	69%	31%	\$	487,375	83	SCIP
Liberty Township	2023 Road Program	Road	16	\$	149,999	\$ -	\$	243,428	62%	38%	\$	393,427	83	SCIP
Goshen Township	2023 Stratton Road Resurfacing	Road	10	\$	56,063	\$ -	\$	87,688	61%	39%	\$	143,751	82	SCIP
Hubbard Township	TH 17 B Hubbard Thomas Rd	Road	18	\$	74,999	\$ -	\$	117,431	61%	39%	\$	192,430	82	SCIP
Vienna Township	TH 162 B Smith Stewart Rd	Road	16	\$	74,999	\$ -	\$	96,464	56%	44%	\$	171,463	82	SCIP
Newton Falls Village	2023 Paving Program	Road	10.9	\$	149,999	\$ -	\$	348,273	70%	30%	\$	498,272	82	SCIP
Warren City	Park Avenue Project	Road	14.5	\$	240,000	\$ -	\$	960,000	80%	20%	\$	1,200,000	82	SCIP
Mahoning County	Damascus WWTP Upgrades	Wastewater	25	\$	510,248	\$ -	\$	854,544	63%	37%	\$	1,364,792	82	SCIP
New Middletown Village	2023 New Middletown Road Resurfacing Program	Road	12	\$	74,743	\$ -	\$	33,580	31%	69%	\$	108,323	81	SCIP
Weathersfield Township	2023 Township Road Improvements	Road	14	\$	74,922	\$ -	\$	87,598	54%	46%	\$	162,520	81	SCIP
Champion Township	2023 Road Resurfacing Program	Road	18	\$	149,999	\$ -	\$	310,075	67%	33%	\$	460,074	81	SCIP
Howland Township	2023 Road Program	Road	14	\$	150,000	\$ -	\$	439,290	75%	25%	\$	589,290	80	SCIP
Brookfield Township	Lucy St Resurfacing	Road	15	\$	74,972	\$ -	\$	33,699	31%	69%	\$	108,671	79	SCIP
Boardman Township	2023 Boardman Twp Infrastructure Project	Road	15	\$	224,000	\$ -	\$	490,192	69%	31%	\$	714,192	79	SCIP
Milton Township	Pointview Ave Resurfacing - Phase 1	Road	12	\$	69,186	\$ -	\$	108,214	61%	39%	\$	177,400	78	SCIP
Braceville Township	TH 123 B Barclay Messerly Rd Drainage Upgrade Ph 2	Stormwater	30	\$	74,999	\$ -	\$	33,901	31%	69%	\$	108,900	78	SCIP
Mecca Township	TH 222 C Housel Craft Rd	Road	17	\$	74,999	\$ -	\$	83,565	53%	47%	\$	158,564	78	SCIP
Canfield Township	2023 Township Paving Program	Road	15	\$	145,105	\$ -	\$	373,126	72%	28%	\$	518,231	78	SCIP
Warren Township	Warren Townsip 2023 Road Resurfacing	Road	17	\$	150,000	\$ -	\$	296,280	66%	34%	\$	446,280	78	SCIP
Canfield City	2023 Street Improvement Project	Road	15	\$	203,778	\$ -	\$	320,074	61%	39%	\$	523,852	78	SCIP
Austintown Township	2023 Austintown Road Resurfacing Program	Road	12	\$	224,918	\$ -	\$	712,239	76%	24%	\$	937,157	78	SCIP
Warren City	2023 City Road Program	Road	17	\$	567,000	\$ -	\$	483,000	46%	54%	\$	1,050,000	78	SCIP
Niles City Road	2023 Niles Street Resurfacing	Road	12	\$	150,000	\$ -	\$	530,100	78%	22%	\$	680,100	77	SCIP
Trumbull County	2023 Road Program	Road	14	\$	821,807	\$ -	\$	536,973	34%	66%	\$	1,358,780	77	SCIP
Coitsville Township	Torolo Ln Resurfacing	Road	12	\$	44,967	\$ -	\$	38,305	46%	54%	\$	83,272	75	SCIP
Orangeville Village	2023 Resurfacing Program	Road	14	\$	74,988	\$ -	\$	64,136	46%	54%	\$	139,124	73	SCIP

\$ 6,600,393 \$ 23,755,587

#### Loan Projects

Community	Project Name	Major Project Type	U/L	OPWC Grant Request	OPWC Loan Request		Local Commitment	Local %	OPWC %	Total Proj. Cost	District Points	Funding Type
Cortland City	W Main St Water Main Replacement	Water	40	\$ -	\$ 185,	196	\$ 522,946	74%	26%	\$ 708,442	69	Loan
Canfield City	2023 Storm Sewer improvement Project	Stormwater	72	\$ -	\$ 290,	005	\$ -	0%	100%	\$ 290,005	65	Loan
Boardman Township	2023 Boardman Twp Resurfacing Project	Road	15	\$ -	\$ 575,	112	\$ -	0%	100%	\$ 575,412	64	Loan
Canfield Township	Briarwood Court Road Improvements	Road	15	\$ -	\$ 445,	)21	\$ -	0%	100%	\$ 445,021	64	Loan
Trumbull County	CH 105 South Canal St Drainage Upgrade	Stormwater	30	\$ -	\$ 374,	989	\$ -	0%	100%	\$ 374,989	61	Loan

\$ 1,870,923 \$ 2,393,869

#### Local Transportation Improvement Projects (LTIP)

Community	Project Name	Major Project Type	U/L	 WC Grant Request	OPWC Loan Request		Local Commitment	Local %	OPWC %	Total Proj. Cost	District Points	Funding Type
Struthers City	Elm Street Safety Upgrade Project	Road	30	\$ 150,000	\$		\$ 367,017	71%	29%	\$ 517,017	87	LTIP
Warren City	High, Main, Mahoning Project	Road	15	\$ 240,000	\$ -		\$ 960,000	80%	20%	\$ 1,200,000	84	LTIP
Mahoning County	2023 Mahoning County Rd & Bridge Safety Upgrade	Road	20	\$ 1,600,000	\$		\$ 1,625,008	50%	50%	\$ 3,225,008	82	LTIP
Beaver Township	Miley Rd Improvements - Phase 1	Road	20	\$ 75,000	\$		\$ 117,307	61%	39%	\$ 192,307	81	LTIP
Springfield Township	Beaver Springfield Rd Widening & Yerian Rd Guardrail Safety Upgrade	Road	26.9	\$ 70,980	\$		\$ 111,020	61%	39%	\$ 182,000	79	LTIP
Poland Township	Poland Township 2023 Resurfacing Project	Road	20	\$ 75,000	\$		\$ 133,747	64%	36%	\$ 208,747	79	LTIP

\$ 2,210,980 \$ 5,525,079

#### Small Government Projects

Community	Project Name	Major Project Type	U/L	OPWC Grant Request	OPWC Loan Request	Local Commitment	Local %	OPWC %	Total Proj. Cost	District Points	Funding Type
Lowellville Village	Parsons Ave Infrastructure Improvements	Wastewater	28.6	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 368,950	62%	38%	\$ 593,950	72	Small Government
Farmington Township	TH 225 A&B Ensign Rd	Road	14	\$ 249,999	\$ 150,000	\$ 105,980	51%	49%	\$ 505,979	56	Small Government
Newton Township	TH 341 Grand Blvd. Widening and Resurfacing	Road	19	\$ 149,999	\$ -	\$ 234,692	61%	39%	\$ 384,691	73	Small Government
Green Township	West Middletown Rd Widening - Phase 2	Road	16	\$ 223,353	\$ -	\$ 100,347	31%	69%	\$ 323,700	62	Small Government
Mecca Township	TH 1141 Lakeview Dr	Road	17	\$ 74,999	\$ -	\$ 87,372	54%	46%	\$ 162,371	61	Small Government
McDonald Village	2023 Street Resurfacing Project	Road	14	\$ 138,072	\$ -	\$ 175,728	61%	39%	\$ 313,800	73	Small Government

\$ 1,061,422 \$ 150,000 \$ 2,284,491

#### Unfunded Projects

Community	Project Name	Major Project Type	U/L	PWC Grant Request	PWC Loan Request	Co	Local emmitment	Local %	OPWC %	Т	otal Proj. Cost	District Points
Hartford Township	TH 158 A King Graves Rd Resurfacing Phase 1	Road	13	\$ 184,450	\$	\$	84,837	32%	68%	\$	269,287	72
Youngstown City	2023 Infrastructure Improvement and Safety Upgrage Program	Road	26.75	\$ 1,092,859	\$ -	\$	273,215	20%	80%	\$	1,366,074	72
Howland Township	Avalon Dr SE Storm Sewer Upgrades	Stormwater	25	\$ 75,000	\$ 87,815	\$	254,660	61%	39%	\$	417,475	71
Niles City Sewer	Sanitary Detention Pump Station	Wastewater	20	\$ 205,490	\$ -	\$	321,410	61%	39%	\$	526,900	71

## **Pre-Application**

#### District 6 Public Works Integrating Committee Round 38 (FY25) Pre-Application

Project	
Project Name	Project Type
Subdivision	
Are Multiple Subdivisions Involved	
Applicant	Email
Project Zip Code	
Project Financial Information - Project Estimated Costs	
Estimated Engineering	
Estimated Construction Administration	
Estimated Total Engineering Services	Percentage Total Engineering Services
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Estimated Right-of-Way	Total Engineering Services Exceeds 20%
Estimated Construction	
Estimated Permits, Advertising, Etc.	
Estimated Construction Contingencies	Percentage Construction Contingencies
	#DIV/0!
Total Estimated Costs	
-	
Project Financial Resources - Local Resources	
Local In-Kind or Force Account	
Local Revenues	
Public Revenue: ODOT / FHWA	Public Revenue: ODOT / FHWA Type
ODOT PID	
Public Revenue: OEPA / OWDA	
Public Revenue: Other	Public Revenue: Other Description
Subtotal Local Resources	Percentage Local Resources
\$ -	#DIV/0!

Project Financial Resources - OPWC Funds	
Grant Request	Grant - Percentage of OPWC Funds
	#DIV/0!
Loan Request	Loan - Percentage of OPWC Funds
	#DIV/0!
Loan Term	
Loan Assistance Request	
Subtotal OPWC Funds	Percentage OPWC Funds
\$ -	#DIV/0!
Total Financial Resources	Percentage Total Financial Resources
\$ -	#DIV/0!
New / Expansion	
Portion of Project New / Expansion	
Project Schedule	
Engineering / Design / RoW Begin Date	Engineering / Design / RoW End Date
Bid Advertisement and Award Begin Date	Bid Advertisement and Award End Date
Construction Begin Date	Construction End Date
Project Information	Father stad Warra (Last Incompany)
Project Useful Life	Estimated Year of Last Improvement
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Hear Information	Age in Years
User Information	2023
Road or Bridge Current ADT	Road or Bridge ADT Year Taken
Water / Wastewater based on monthly usage of 4,500 gallons	a par hausahald: attach current ardinanca
Current Residential Water Rate	Residential Water - # Households
Current Residential Water Nate	Residential Water - # Households
Current Residential Wastewater Rate	Residential Wastewater - # Households
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Stormwater - # Households	
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Project Descriptions Specific Location		
Identify the Problem		
Project Scope		
Additional Notes from Applicant		
Do not fill in this section.		
Project Notes		
Do not fill in this section.		
Project Officials Chief Executive Officer		Email
Chief Financial Officer	· 	Email
Project Manager		Email

# Additional Information for District 6 Pre-application Scoring **Project Priority Number** If Not Approved for Grant, is Loan Acceptable? Condition of Infrastructure Generation of Revenues Water, Wastewater, Stormwater - Which Point Category (2B or 2C)? If Multiple Subdivisions - List other Subdivisions Health and Safety Have other funding sources been applied for? List by percentage. Is the project needed for new economic or residential growth? **OEPA Sanctions/Mandates** If yes include EPA orders Checklist Certified Engineer's Cost Estimate Certified Engineer's Statement of Impact - Problem Solution (If Applicable) Traffic Studies - Engineering Reports (If Applicable)

Certified Engineer's Useful Life Estimate

Location Map - 8.5" x 11" maps are preferable.

Age and Traffic Count Weighted Average Worksheet

Affordability Worksheet (water and sanitary system projects only)

Copy of All Cooperative Agreements (projects involving more than one political subdivision)

Engineer's Plan Status Certification

Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Resources (Communities under 5,000) This is required to score projects for the Small Government Program and must be included with the pre-application.

Each submission must include 1 copy of the full application and 18 copies of the 4-page preapplication with a copy of an 8.5"x11" project location map attached to each of the 18 copies.

Questions can be directed to:

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#### **OPWC** application, instructions and attachments

https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/Programs/Infrastructure-Programs/Infrastructure-Application

# **Community Codes**

Community	Code
Trumbull County	155-00155
Bazetta Township	155-04444
Bloomfield Township	155-07160
Braceville Township	155-08056
Bristol Township	155-08938
Brookfield Township	155-09190
Champion Township	155-13470
Cortland City	155-18812
Farmington Township	155-26684
Fowler Township	155-28098
Girard City	155-30198
Greene Township	155-32046
Gustavus Township	155-32732
Hartford Township	155-34230
Howland Township	155-36554
Hubbard City	155-36582
Hubbard Township	155-36596
Johnston Township	155-39298
Kinsman Township	155-40502
Liberty Township	155-43344
Lordstown Village	155-44912
McDonald Village	155-45934
Mecca Township	155-48678
Mesopotamia Township	155-49210
Newton Township	155-55636
Newton Falls Village	155-55650
Niles City	155-55916
Orangeville Village	155-58674
Southington Township	155-73397
Vernon Township	155-79856
Vienna Township	155-80052
Warren City	155-80892
Warren Township	155-80906
Weathersfield Township	155-82446
West Farmington Village	155-83384
Yankee Lake Village	155-86856

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Community	Code
Mahoning County	099-00099
Austintown Township	099-03198
Beaver Township	099-04668
Beloit Village	099-05410
Berlin Township	099-05858
Boardman Township	099-07468
Campbell City	099-11066
Canfield City	099-11360
Canfield Township	099-11374
Coitsville Township	099-16476
Craig Beach Village	099-19106
Ellsworth Township	099-25088
Goshen Township	099-31038
Green Township	099-31794
Lowellville Village	099-45178
Milton Township	099-50638
New Middletown Village	099-55118
Jackson Township	099-56672
Poland Township	099-63954
Poland Village	099-63968
Sebring Village	099-71200
Smith Township	099-72740
Springfield Township	099-74124
Struthers City	099-75126
Youngstown City	099-88000

### **Small Government Program**

#### **Application Guidelines**

All communities must first submit projects for funding through the district allocation. Pre-Applications are due in Eastgate's office by 3:00 pm on August 31, 2023. Since the scoring criteria used for the Small Government Program is different than that used by District 6, it is important that small governments prepare the application to be scored by both methodologies. Projects must be rated and ranked for funding by District 6 before recommended to the Small Government Commission. The District 6 rating system is available in this manual. The District 6 committee requires communities under 5,000 in population to provide additional information that will improve the competitiveness of applications when rated using Small Government criteria. The latest Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Resources must be included with the District 6 Pre-Application.

If unsuccessful with district funding, communities under 5,000 in population will be scored using the Small Government criteria. The District 6 Small Government committee will select the projects with the best chance to receive funding. Seven projects can be submitted from each district.

#### **Small Government Scoring Criteria**

- 1. Ability and Effort to Finance the Project
- 2. Importance to Health and Safety
- 3. Age and Condition of System
- 4. Leveraging Ratio
- 5. Population Benefit
- 6. District Priority Ranking
- 7. Amount of OPWC Funding Requested
- 8. Loan Request as Percentage
- 9. Useful Life of Project
- 10. Median Household Income

Final applications for Small Government funding are due on December 22, 2023 and submitted using the PublicWorksWise online portal.

In order to receive maximum points, communities are asked to have their plans completed by the Small Government Engineer's Plan Status Certification deadline (around the end of March).

Once a communities' project has been selected and submitted for Small Government consideration, the process is as follows:

- Intent to Apply No longer required by the OPWC.
- Cure Period Confirmed applicants (all listed contacts with valid email addresses) are provided a "cure" notification with deadline stating they have 30 calendar days, to provide required and/or additional documentation according to the Small Government requirements and methodology. All submissions must be received by midnight on the due date with only one exception. This exception is that all applicants have the same date, March 31, 2024, to submit the required Small Government Engineer's Plan Status Certification. As part of the cure, applicants may make changes to the amount and type of funding assistance requested (grant and loan), as well as engineering if the originating district does not permit engineering as part of the application.
- **Composite Score** After the 30-day cure, the applications are scored. Applicants (contact listed on page 1 of application) are emailed their final composite score and, if applicable, calculated combined annual water/wastewater rates. Applicants are given one week to refute discrepancies.
- **Awards** About noon on the day of the Small Government Commission meeting the final results are posted on this website. Each district liaison is then sent their district results and each applicant who is awarded funds receives a congratulatory email with information pertaining to the release of agreements.

Guidelines for the OPWC Small Government Program are available at <a href="http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/SmallGovernment.html">http://www.pwc.state.oh.us/SmallGovernment.html</a>

**Electronic Forms for Small Government Application** <a href="http://www.pwc.state.oh.us">http://www.pwc.state.oh.us</a>

### **Authorizing Legislation**

#### **AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING [INSERT NAME AND / OR TITLE] TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the [Insert Name of Political Subdivision] is planning to make capital improvements to [Insert Project Name], and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by [Insert Name of Political Subdivision]:

Section 1: The [Insert Name and/or Title of the individual who signs page 6 of the application] is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: The [Insert Name and/or Title of the Chief Executive Officer on page 5 of the application] is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: [Insert Date]

[All Required Signatures Here]

## **CFO Certification of Local Funds and Repayment Letter**

#### Chief Financial Officer's Certification of Local Funds

[Insert Date]

I, [Insert title] of the [Insert name of political subdivision], hereby certify that [Insert name of political subdivision] has the amount of [Insert amount of local funds] in the [Insert name of account / fund] and that this amount will be used to pay the local share for the [Insert name of project] when it is required.

[Name, Title and Signature of Chief Financial Officer]

### **Chief Financial Officer's Loan Repayment Letter**

[Insert Date]

I, [Insert title] of the [Insert name of political subdivision], hereby certify that [Insert name of political subdivision] has / will have / will collect the amount of [Insert amount of loan] in the [Insert Name of Account / Fund] and that this amount will be used to repay the Ohio Public Works Commission SCIP or RLP loan requested for the [Insert name of project] over a [Insert number of years] term.

[Name, Title and Signature of Chief Financial Officer]

## Affordability Table - Median Household Income (MHI)

Community	Community Median Household Income	State Median Household Income	Community Percent of State MHI	Drinking Water Affordability Rate	Waste Water Affordability Rate	Combined Affordability Rate	Line 10 Water (A)	Line 21 Sewer (B)	Line 26 Combined (C)
Austintown Township	\$52,576	\$61,938	84.88%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$578.34	\$788.64	\$1,366.98
Bazetta Township	\$68,963	\$61,938	111.34%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$896.52	\$1,172.37	\$2,068.89
Beaver Township	\$70,463	\$61,938	113.76%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,056.95	\$1,268.33	\$2,325.28
Beloit Village	\$48,864	\$61,938	78.89%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$537.50	\$732.96	\$1,270.46
Berlin Township	\$66,458	\$61,938	107.30%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$863.95	\$1,129.79	\$1,993.74
Bloomfield Township	\$57,337	\$61,938	92.57%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$745.38	\$974.73	\$1,720.11
Boardman Township	\$62,285	\$61,938	100.56%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$809.71	\$1,058.85	\$1,868.55
Braceville Township	\$56,944	\$61,938	91.94%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$740.27	\$968.05	\$1,708.32
Bristol Township	\$72,370	\$61,938	116.84%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,085.55	\$1,302.66	\$2,388.21
Brookfield Township	\$48,782	\$61,938	78.76%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$536.60	\$731.73	\$1,268.33
Campbell City	\$35,714	\$61,938	57.66%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$392.85	\$535.71	\$928.56
Canfield City	\$94,257	\$61,938	152.18%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,413.86	\$1,696.63	\$3,110.48
Canfield Township	\$90,278	\$61,938	145.76%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,354.17	\$1,625.00	\$2,979.17
Champion Township	\$65,350	\$61,938	105.51%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$849.55	\$1,110.95	\$1,960.50
Coitsville Township	\$58,203	\$61,938	93.97%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$756.64	\$989.45	\$1,746.09
Cortland City	\$55,578	\$61,938	89.73%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$722.51	\$944.83	\$1,667.34
Craig Beach Village	\$59,250	\$61,938	95.66%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$770.25	\$1,007.25	\$1,777.50
Ellsworth Township	\$71,563	\$61,938	115.54%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,073.45	\$1,288.13	\$2,361.58
Farmington Township	\$64,461	\$61,938	104.07%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$837.99	\$1,095.84	\$1,933.83
Fowler Township	\$56,204	\$61,938	90.74%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$730.65	\$955.47	\$1,686.12
Girard City	\$45,355	\$61,938	73.23%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$498.91	\$680.33	\$1,179.23
Goshen Township	\$54,352	\$61,938	87.75%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$597.87	\$815.28	\$1,413.15
Green Township	\$88,425	\$61,938	142.76%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,326.38	\$1,591.65	\$2,918.03
Greene Township	\$43,700	\$61,938	70.55%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$480.70	\$655.50	\$1,136.20
Gustavus Township	\$41,620	\$61,938	67.20%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$457.82	\$624.30	\$1,082.12
Hartford Township	\$73,289	\$61,938	118.33%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,099.34	\$1,319.20	\$2,418.54
Howland Township	\$65,427	\$61,938	105.63%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$850.55	\$1,112.26	\$1,962.81
Hubbard City	\$56,220	\$61,938	90.77%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$618.42	\$843.30	\$1,461.72
Hubbard Township	\$44,177	\$61,938	71.32%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$485.95	\$662.66	\$1,148.60
Jackson Township	\$53,500	\$61,938	86.38%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$588.50	\$802.50	\$1,391.00
Johnston Township	\$66,250	\$61,938	106.96%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$861.25	\$1,126.25	\$1,987.50
Kinsman Township	\$45,917	\$61,938	74.13%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$505.09	\$688.76	\$1,193.84
Liberty Township	\$55,544	\$61,938	89.68%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$610.98	\$833.16	\$1,444.14
Lordstown Village	\$61,944	\$61,938	100.01%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$805.27	\$1,053.05	\$1,858.32
Lowellville Village	\$52,679	\$61,938	85.05%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$579.47	\$790.19	\$1,369.65
Mahoning County	\$50,750	\$61,938	81.94%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$558.25	\$761.25	\$1,319.50
McDonald Village	\$65,441	\$61,938	105.66%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$850.73	\$1,112.50	\$1,963.23
Mecca Township	\$52,609	\$61,938	84.94%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$683.92	\$894.35	\$1,578.27
Mesopotamia Township	\$51,142	\$61,938	82.57%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$664.85	\$869.41	\$1,534.26
Milton Township	\$67,105	\$61,938	108.34%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$872.37	\$1,140.79	\$2,013.15
Mahoning Valley Sanitary District	\$47,350	\$61,938	76.45%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$520.85	\$710.25	\$1,231.10
New Middletown Village	\$44,554	\$61,938	71.93%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$490.09	\$668.31	\$1,158.40
Newton Falls Village	\$47,241	\$61,938	76.27%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$519.65	\$708.62	\$1,228.27
Newton Township	\$70,889	\$61,938	114.45%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,063.34	\$1,276.00	\$2,339.34
Niles City	\$45,590	\$61,938	73.61%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$501.49	\$683.85	\$1,185.34
Orangeville Village	\$43,750	\$61,938	70.64%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$568.75	\$743.75	\$1,312.50
Poland Township	\$86,018	\$61,938	138.88%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,290.27	\$1,548.32	\$2,838.59
Poland Village	\$71,452	\$61,938	115.36%	0.015	0.018	0.033	\$1,071.78	\$1,286.14	\$2,357.92
Sebring Village	\$42,182	\$61,938	68.10%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$464.00	\$632.73	\$1,096.73
Smith Township	\$60,168	\$61,938	97.14%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$782.18	\$1,022.86	\$1,805.04
Southington Township	\$65,341	\$61,938	105.49%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$849.43	\$1,110.80	\$1,960.23
Springfield Township	\$62,545	\$61,938	100.98%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$813.09	\$1,063.27	\$1,876.35
Struthers City	\$42,714	\$61,938	68.96%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$469.85	\$640.71	\$1,110.56
Trumbull County	\$50,258	\$61,938	81.14%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$552.84	\$753.87	\$1,306.71
Vernon Township	\$51,790	\$61,938	83.62%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$569.69	\$776.85	\$1,346.54
Vienna Township	\$60,496	\$61,938	97.67%	0.013	0.017	0.030	\$786.45	\$1,028.43	\$1,814.88
Warren City	\$30,377	\$61,938	49.04%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$334.15	\$455.66	\$789.80
Warren Township	\$38,982	\$61,938	62.94%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$428.80	\$584.73	\$1,013.53
Weathersfield Township	\$50,367	\$61,938	81.32%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$554.04	\$755.51	\$1,309.54
West Farmington Village	\$53,750	\$61,938	86.78%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$591.25	\$806.25	\$1,397.50
Yankee Lake Village	\$45,000	\$61,938	72.65%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$495.00	\$675.00	\$1,170.00
Youngstown City	\$31,020	\$61,938	50.08%	0.011	0.015	0.026	\$341.22	\$465.30	\$806.52

70-79.99% MHI 80-89.99% MHI 90-99.99% MHI 100%+ MHI Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, 2017-2021 ACS

## **Affordability Worksheet**

## AFFORDABILITY WORKSHEET FOR SANITARY SEWER AND WATER PROJECTS

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH WATER AND/OR SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

COMMUNITY:		
PROJECT NAME:		
1. AMOUNT OF REQUEST F		
2. USEFUL LIFE OF WATER	PROJECT (MAXIMUM OF 20 YEARS)	
3. NUMBER OF RESIDENTIA	L WATER USERS	
4. TOTAL ANNUAL WATER	USAGE FEES (93,000 GAL PER YEAR)	
5. PROJECTED ANNUAL US	ER FEE INCREASE FOR THIS PROJECT	
6. ADD LINES 4 AND 5		\$ -
7. DIVIDE LINE 1 BY LINE 2		#DIV/0!
8. DIVIDE LINE 7 LINE 3		#DIV/0!
9. ADD LINES 6 AND 8		#DIV/0!
10. ENTER AMOUNT FROM	AFFORDABILITY TABLE COLUMN A*	#N/A
11. SUBTRACT LINE 9 FROM	M LINE 10	#N/A
12. AMOUNT OF REQUEST	FOR SANITARY SEWER PROJECT	
13. USEFUL LIFE OF SANITARY SEWER PROJECT (MAXIMUM OF 20 YEARS)		
14. NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL SANITARY SEWER USERS		
15. TOTAL ANNUAL SANITARY SEWER USAGE FEES (93,000 GAL PER YEAR)		
16. PROJECTED ANNUAL USER FEE INCREASE FOR THIS PROJECT		
17. ADD LINES 15 AND 16		\$ -
18. DIVIDE LINE 12 BY LINE 13		#DIV/0!
19. DIVIDE LINE 18 BY LINE 14		#DIV/0!
20. ADD LINES 17 AND 19		#DIV/0!
21. ENTER AMOUNT FROM AFFORDABILITY TABLE COLUMN B*		#N/A
22. SUBTRACT LINE 20 FROM LINE 21		#N/A
23. ADD LINES 8 AND 19		#DIV/0!
24. ADD LINES 6 AND 17		\$ -
25. ADD LINES 23 AND 24		#DIV/0!
26. ENTER AMOUNT FROM	AFFORDABILITY TABLE COLUMN C*	#N/A
27. SUBTRACT LINE 25 FRO	DM LINE 26	#N/A

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FOR WATER PROJECT TO BE GRANT ELIGIBLE LINE 11 OR LINE 27 MUST BE NEGATIVE FOR A SANITARY SEWER PROJECT TO BE GRANT ELIGIBLE LINE 22 OR LINE 27 MUST BE NEGATIVE

## **Traffic Count Certification Form**

# Small Government Program Only This form is only required if traffic counts do not come from ODOT or Eastgate.

Road	Location	Count	Date